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Cooling Centers & Libraries EXTENDED TO WEEKEND

JERSEY CITY - Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** announce that the City will keep open the two cooling centers and six libraries that have been open all week as cooling sites as temperatures are to remain in the 90s Saturday and high 80s on Sunday.

The **Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive** and the **Pershing Field Community Center, Pershing Field Complex (corner of Summit Avenue and Pershing Field Plaza)** will both be open **Saturday, July 20th and Sunday, July 21st from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

“It is important for everyone, but especially our seniors and parents of small children and infants to be cautious in high heat and humidity,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “If you have a neighbor who is a senior citizen or who has special medical needs, please check on them. And if you do not have air conditioning in your home, please visit one of our cooling sites.”

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of the cooling facilities if necessary.

The following libraries will be open to the community at large with extended hours. The libraries will be open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 20th and 21st:**

- **Main Library, 472 Jersey Avenue**
- **Five Corners Library, 678 Newark Avenue**
- **Greenville Library, 1841 John F. Kennedy Boulevard**
- **Glenn D. Cunningham Library, 275 MLK Drive**
- **Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue**
- **The Heights Branch Library, 14 Zabriskie Avenue**

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The following **municipal pool sites** will also be open with the following schedule:

- **Pershing Field Pool**, 201 Central Avenue
***Entrance Fee/Membership Required per admittance*
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat/Sun 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.
- **Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center**
Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park, Johnston Ave. & Van Horne St.
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. adult swim; Mon. to Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. community swim; Sat/Sun 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. community swim
- **Pavonia Pool**, West Side and Pavonia Avenues
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. adult swim; Mon. to Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. community swim; Fri/Sat/Sun 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. community swim

In addition to the pools, residents are also welcome to cool off from this summer heat by taking advantage of our **Water Sprinkler Systems** located in City parks. The sprinklers will be **turned on from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** (weather permitting) at the following locations:

Pershing Field Manhattan Ave. & Central Ave.	Country Village Park 30 Sycamore Road	Hamilton Park McWilliams Place
Audubon Park Audubon Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.	Roberto Clemente Park - Enos Jones 8th Street & Brunswick Street	Columbia Park Bartholdi Ave. & Kennedy Blvd.
Terrace Park Terrace Avenue & Thorne Street	Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park Lafayette St. & Van Horne St.	Dr. Lena Edwards Park Johnston Avenue & Pine Street
Arlington Park Arlington Ave. & Minerva St.	LaPointe Park DeKalb Avenue	Bayside Park 480 Garfield Avenue

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The **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has issued the following tips for staying cool during this heat wave:

- Remain indoors (preferably in air conditioned space) as much as possible
- Wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothing
- Keep hydrated by consuming plenty of water and natural juices and avoid beverages with alcohol and caffeine which increase dehydration
- Eat light meals
- Refrain from strenuous activities
- Recognize the symptoms of heat disorders

To protect others from heat exhaustion, residents are urged to check on elderly neighbors and those with disabilities. Apply sunscreen with a high SPF content to small children to avoid overexposure to the sun. Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles where temperatures could exceed 190 degrees in less than ten minutes, and provide shade and cool water to pets.

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